

REMARKS

Claims 26, 28, 31 and 33 have been amended, and Claim 25 has been canceled. Claims 24, 26 and 28-33 are present in the application. Applicants are enclosing a Petition for a 3-month time extension, with the corresponding extension fee. Applicants have previously paid filing fees in an amount sufficient to cover all of the claims that are now pending, and thus no additional filing fee is due in association with the submission of this Amendment. In view of the foregoing amendments, and the remarks that follow, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Allowable Subject Matter

Noted with appreciation is the indication in the Advisory Action that Claims 24, 29-30 and 32 are allowed.

Claims 26, 28 and 31 previously depended from independent Claim 25, but have now been amended so that they depend from allowed independent Claim 24. In association with this, a limitation has been deleted from Claim 26, because it was redundant to a limitation already present in Claim 24. Claims 26, 28 and 31 should thus all now be allowable with Claim 24.

Also noted with appreciation is the indication in the Advisory Action that Claim 33 recites allowable subject matter, and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Claim 33 depended from Claims 25 and 26. Accordingly, the foregoing amendments add to Claim 33 the limitations of Claims 25 and 26, except that the work "independently" has been omitted in the limitations from Claim 25 that have been added to Claim 33. More specifically, the word "independently" has been omitted from Claim 33 in order to eliminate an outstanding rejection of Claim 25 under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 because of the presence of the word "independently".

The foregoing claim amendments were discussed with Examiner Do on December 14, 2005, and Examiner Do then discussed them with Supervisory Primary Examiner Long Le.

Examiner Do then advised the undersigned that she and Examiner Le had concluded these claim amendments would overcome all grounds of rejection set forth in the "final" Office Action mailed on June 15, 2005.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are fully allowable, and favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that examination of the present application may be advanced in any way by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at 972-739-8647.

Respectfully submitted,



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